

April 14, 2010

ITEM NO. C2

**RATIFICATION OF THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT NO. 9029
WITH BOULEVARD GROUP INC**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ratify the exercise of the three-month option to extend Contract No. 9029 (“Contract”) with Boulevard Group, Inc. (“Boulevard Group”) and increase the Contract’s funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$63,602 adding it to the carryover balance available at the end of the contract’s original base term. The Contract’s new aggregate not-to-exceed funding amount will be 161,402.

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Funding Code:

Contractor: Boulevard Group, Inc., James Brooks, 484 Boulevard SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Contract Type: Professional Services

Original Contract Amount: \$97,800.00

First Option Amount: \$63,602.00

Aggregate Contract Amount: \$161,402

Original Contract Term: May 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009

Option Term: November 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010

MBE/WBE %: 22%

Section 3: 1

GENERAL BACKGROUND

On March 13, 2009, the Grant Administration released a Request for Proposal (No. 09-00284) to support its preparation and management of grant applications for funding from the United States government’s economic stimulus effort known as the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (“ARRA”), as well as related professional and administrative services required in conjunction with CHA requests, such as management of and responses to technical, financial, regulatory and other elements of proposed and actual requests or grant applications made by the CHA. CHA subsequently entered into Contract Number 9029 to provide the necessary support for a base term of six (6) months, in an amount not-to-exceed \$97,800, with one (1) three-month option. Grant Administration is requesting ratification of the exercise of the three-month option with Boulevard Group and the increase to the Contract’s funding by an amount not-to-exceed \$63,602.

Boulevard Group provided support for CHA's efforts to work directly with federal agencies to ensure CHA had strong communication with the granting agency and had real time information on the status of what was required to receive the ARRA funding. Boulevard Group also provided technical assistance in the writing content of the ARRA grant applications, and the alignment of the grant application requirements, especially as they related to HUD regulations.

During the option term, Boulevard Group provided technical assistance for writing the CHA FY09 HOPE VI Revitalization Grant – Madden Park Wells. CHA submitted an application for a \$22 million FY2009 HOPE VI Revitalization grant to fund the third phase of the Oakwood Shores mixed-income development, which replaces the former Ida B. Wells public housing development. The award of the HOPE VI grant would allow development funds currently planned for the Ida B. Wells revitalization to be re-budgeted to other currently planned, but unfunded mixed-income revitalization projects.

Based on the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the CHA to ratify the exercise of the three-month option of the Contract's term and the increase the Contract's funding by an amount not-to-exceed \$63,602.00. The Contract's new aggregate not-to-exceed funding amount will be 161,402.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-48

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated April 14, 2010, “RATIFICATION OF THEEXERCISE OF THE OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT NO. 9029 WITH BOULEVARD GROUP, INC.”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners ratifies the exercise of the option to extend Contract No. 9029 with Boulevard Group, Inc. for the period of November 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010, and the increase in the contract’s funding by an amount not-to-exceed \$63,602. The contract’s new aggregate not-to-exceed funding amount will be \$161,402.

